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## THE WEATHER.

Oregon, Washington and Idaho—Rain.

## WHERE WILL IT END?

It has cost the city of Astoria \$383 to get what is presumed to be a voluntary public petition for the construction of a seawall before its own common council, and not one solitary dollar of the expense has been paid by the city. The petition, arbitrarily, by A. M. Smith, and his coterie and the peoples' money is paying for the costs that should have been borne privately.

The Chamber of Commerce employed an attorney J. A. Eakin to draft the Port of Astoria bill and paid him \$100., for the work, the bill was circulated and filed without a cent of cost to the general public, as it should have been and as all other measures are handled: But, upon the hypothesis set up by Mr. Smith, there is not a single petition that has not the same claim against the city treasury that his pet measure has, indeed, if this rule is to govern, and the Mayor of this city shall sign the warrants, \$350 for A. M. Smith, the author of the bill, and \$330 to John Nowlen, its circulator, then every sort of public petition that requires the services of an attorney and a messenger, should be sent in to the council and a stand made for their recognition. We are not disputing the figures nor the service; they may be perfectly just and reasonable and those who did the work entitled to compensation; but we defy A. M. Smith, City Attorney Abercrombie, Mayor Wise or any member of the council, to declare and show a shadow of authority for the payment of these claims by the city, and what is more we offer these columns to any of them for the purpose of justifying this invasion.

This whole seawall business is an inspired project, and A. M. Smith is directly in line of responsibility for its inception, direction, compilation, cost and irregularity and before the matter is closed he is going to hear some things that will not bring him any comfort in a matter that he has, apparently, decided shall "go," whether it is popular or not.

Not a man in the council had the temerity to answer L. O. Belland on Monday night when he asked for the law behind these warrants; they simply started at each other and remained silent; flat and tacit confession of a deliberate and imperious proceeding. Nor is this the only case wherein the hand of the boss has been carefully noted for its autocratic force and effect; there are other matters that the people are interested in and for which explanation will be sought and had, before the closing of the polls on December 9th. The mere slamming of an \$8800.000 additional burden upon the well-mulcted taxpayer of Astoria is not the least, nor all, of the tyrannical plays that have been made; and the game is on.

We believe in improvement of all sorts, including the erection of the seawall; we believe in keeping things moving and furnishing forth labor to the skilled and unskilled workman of Astoria; but we don't propose to be driven and staggered into a situation that is illegal and confiscatory, at the behest of A. M. Smith nor any of the arbitrary "push" or contractors, that have arrived at the pass where they think they can operate any old way, law, or no law.

## HERE'S TO MR. HILL.

James J. Hill, and his party of railway associates and lieutenants, is to be with us tomorrow night. He is out in the coast country on a big errand and will, beyond doubt, take due cognizance of the full and exact situation his plans and capital have

set up here in the Northwest. Astoria is not beyond the range of the deep significance of those plans; she cuts a figure of no small importance in the scale of his developing genius, and whether that relation and concern shall be made plain during this visit or not, it is quite within expectation that he will have something to say showing the nearness and importance of Astoria to the huge plan he has devised. She has waited long and patiently for some expression that shall give her hope and standing in the unfoldment of the country she represents; and to hear the word and see the sign, will be of great moment to her; she is entitled to recognition, by every right that attaches to a place commandingly situated as she is with regard to sea and rail transportation.

We do not believe he will depart from Astoria without leaving behind some word of concession and acknowledgment that shall mean much for this city and section; it is the duty of all men at interest here to do all that may be done to invoke that word. With it, we may yet wait upon the realization and do it cheerfully and courageously, and demonstrate the faith that is in us as to James J. Hill and his wonderful faculty for making good when he says he will. A hint from him is as good as a proclamation from some others, and Astoria is entitled to it, being the last place on the map yet to hear the word of real cheer.

## QUERY!

Will Attorney Smith, or Attorney Abercrombie, or any of the Astoria Councilmen, be kind enough to inform an anxious public when the State of Oregon, or any other city in the State, ever paid a dollar of cost incident to the drafting and circulation, of a referendum measure?

The election of Taft is the best guarantee of bank deposits and other valuables that make up the property of the people.

Mr. Bryan lately remarked in one of his New York speeches that a great popular vote would be more gratifying than a mere electoral majority. There peeped out the perpetual candidate who expects to be good for five more battles, and 5000 more lectures at \$100 each and half the gate money and the chance is his.

In the universal distribution of bouquets to the American fleet special attention is being called to the one contributed by Japan. Even the most confirmed pessimist will search in vain for any hint of war in this message from the flowery kingdom.

These are sad days for the Bryan boomers. The bottom has dropped out of the third battle and it would be indecorous just now to talk about the fourth.

There is little doubt that the next House will be Republican by a strong working majority. As the next Congress is practically certain to be Republican in both branches yesterday's vote for Bryan was fantastic as a public business proposition.

Many moons ago the United States instructed Japan in the art of war. Today the two countries are trying to outdo each other in exhibiting the arts of peace.

**Colds and Croup in Children.**  
"My little girl is subject to colds," says Mrs. Wm. H. Serig, No. 41 Fifth St., Wheeling, W. Va. "Last winter she had a severe spell and a terrible cough but I cured her with Chamberlain's Cough Remedy without the aid of a doctor, and my little boy has been prevented many times from having the croup by the timely use of this syrup." This remedy is for sale by Frank Hart and leading druggists.

## RECEPTION COMMITTEE APPOINTED

### SENATOR FULTON WILL ACT AS SPOKESMAN TO THE HILL PARTY.

Senator C. W. Fulton will be the spokesman for the members of the Chamber of Commerce in making the presentation of a handsomely prepared album of Astoria views to James J. Hill upon the arrival of that illustrious railroad magnate to this city tomorrow evening, presumably about 5 o'clock, the exact hour to be announced in tomorrow morning's Astorian. President Scholfield of the Chamber yesterday afternoon decided that it would be proper to have as large a number of citizens on hand at the depot when the railroad party arrive in their special train as he could get present, and named the following, sending out postal cards to each:

### RECEPTION COMMITTEE.

Senator C. W. Fulton, S. Elmore, Mayor Herman Wise, J. Q. A. Bowlby, John Fox, John Smith, A. M. Smith, J. C. McCue, F. L. Evans, George Flavel, Frank Patton John Gratke, J. S. Dellinger, G. Wingate, C. S. Brown, W. F. McGregor, Judge F. J. Taylor, F. A. Fisher, Victor Boelling, C. J. Trenchard, Geo. Nelson, James W. Welch, F. I. Dunbar, E. Z. Ferguson, Dr. O. B. Estes, Dr. H. L. Henderson, Dr. A. A. Finch, Martin Foad, F. J. Carney, Dr. T. L. Ball, J. T. Ross, J. M. Anderson, S. S. Gordon, J. E. Higgins, Dr. J. A. Fulton, A. R. Johnson, G. W. Roberts, F. J. Johnson, Giles B. Johnson, Chas. H. Callender, C. R. Higgins, Herman Prael, R. B. Dyer, Asmus Brix, Geo. W. Sanborn, J. P. Brix, E. Hauke, H. Hoefler, C. M. Celler, P. A. Stokes, S. M. Gallagher, C. V. Brown, C. H. Abercrombie, A. V. Allen, D. B. Allen, Isaac Bergman, A. Scherneckau, Dr. C. W. Barr, R. E. Carruthers, John Chitwood, A. R. Cyrus, C. J. Curtis, Thos. Dealey, Aug. Danielson, W. E. Dement, W. A. Eigner, Jas. Finlayson, B. L. Ward, A. L. Fox, Geo. H. George, John Griffin, G. C. Fulton, Alex. Grant, A. Hildebrand, Geo. F. Judd, Ed. C. Judd, Dr. Alfred Kinney C. W. Lamar, H. Lieneweber, B. Lindenberger, G. W. Lounsberry, O. F. Morton, K. Osburn, C. G. Palmberg, Frank F. Parker, J. J. Robinson, Charles Rogers, Frank Spittle, Dr. J. Tuttle, E. W. Tallant, Geo. W. Warren, Fred Warren, H. G. Van Dusen, B. Van Dusen, Ben Young Norris Staples, J. H. Seymour, W. E. Schimpff and A. S. Skyles.

Mr. Scholfield, however, wishes it understood that he would appreciate having any member of the Chamber of Commerce or any citizen who can possibly be present to do so.

This is the first time James J. Hill ever visited Astoria, although Louis W. Hill, his son, was here about a year ago.

President Francis B. Clark of the Spokane, Portland & Seattle Railway Co., in a letter to the Chamber of Commerce received yesterday, says that the Hill party will spend today in Spokane, going over the line from Pasco tomorrow morning on down to Astoria and Seaside, staying all night at the latter place and returning to Portland Friday morning.

On Monday afternoon after the telegram had been received from James J. Hill arranging to meet the Astoria delegation of business men, he was asked by wire by the Chamber if he would not partake of a salmon dinner on Thursday night with the members. In reply to this telegraphic invitation Mr. Hill sent this:

"Your message received, but am sorry our plans will prevent our remaining in Astoria. We expect to arrive in the afternoon and must leave before evening. Kindly express to the Chamber of Commerce our thanks and regret that we are unable to accept their hospitable invitation."

Mr. Hill will fix the exact hour of his arrival in Astoria by telegram to the Chamber and due publication will be made in the Astorian so that the committee may be informed as to the exact time they should be present at the depot tomorrow evening. Mr. Clark in his letter states that he thinks that the time will be about dark, which means about 5 o'clock or a little later.

The album of views is being bound in red leather of a fine quality by the Astorian and Mr. Seymour, the jeweler, is preparing the silver plate which will be put on the front outside cover bearing the inscription: "From the Astoria Chamber of Commerce to James J. Hill, November 5, 1908."

## AMUSEMENTS

### "MA'S NEW HUSBAND"

"Ma's New Husband" was the attraction at the Grand Opera house on Saturday afternoon and evening, and in both instances drew large audiences. The piece produced is a farcical musical treat of the merriest kind. Its absurdities and comicalities are of the liveliest nature, and keep the audience convulsed with laughter. The company comprises some handsome women who possess rich voices and know well how to charm an audience. Naydine Scott, as "Dorothy," who loves everybody, was very amusing. With the assistance of "Willie," Harry Garrity, they kept the audience in the happiest mood. Bessie Sheldon's rendition of "All the World Loves a Lover," was much admired. Mary Madison and Babe Hooker sang several songs in good voice. E. D. McMillan, as "Samuel Hooker, a bogus tutor," was the fun-maker. His make-up, singing and comical sayings and acting, won for him repeated applause. Ralph Marty and Harry Black were good in their parts.—"Kingston Whig." The play comes to the Astoria theatre, Wednesday, Nov. 4.

### "FACING THE MUSIC"

Mr. James J. Corbett in the successful American comedy, "Facing the Music," is announced as the attraction at the Astoria Theatre next Sunday. Now and then a play comes to town much heralded in advance and much roasted in retrospect by those who have paid more than adequate sums of money for the pleasure of seeing it. Not so with H. H. Frazee's attraction, however, and it



### "FACING THE MUSIC"

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### HEAR THE GREAT SINGER

There is a great treat in store for the people of this city in the coming of Otto F. L. Herse, the gifted tenor singer, who will appear at Hager's theatre, Nov. 5.

The increasing popularity of this singer all over the country insures us an enjoyable evening's entertainment. Thousands have greeted him everywhere and have been charmed by the marvelous sweetness of his voice. Fortunately we are in heralding his appearance here. As a general rule great singers hold themselves to the very large cities, but Mr. Herse believes in educating the masses and has placed on his traveling route many of the smaller towns. The announcement of his coming has enthused us all and we can predict that he will be given a glad welcome by our people. There is not a better tenor on the concert stage.

### How to Treat a Sprain.

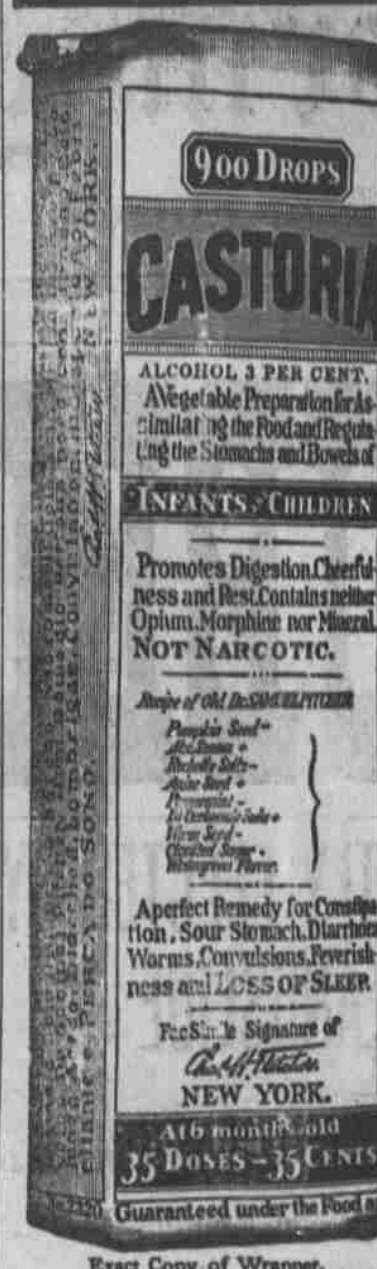
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### Chinook and Ilwaco.

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